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LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT

Herefordshire

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Joint

A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Chief Public Health Inspector

for the year 1971

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(As at 31st December 1971)

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Clerk of the Council .. G.A. Robson

To the Chairman and Members of the Leominster and Wigmore  
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1971, together with the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

This is my last report for the Council after 14 years as Medical Officer (and, also, as a resident) of the rural district. My thanks are due to the many past chairmen and of the committee who have been so helpful and have given such support - especially in difficult problems like the Kingsland sewerage scheme. I would also like to record my thanks for the work and help of Mr. Peter Emerson and Mr. King, and also the late Mr. George Bull.

The past year has very little to show of significance in the statistical section: the death rate continues to fall.

Turning to the Public Health Inspector's section, one is a little disappointed to find that the only Council building during the year under review was 4, for old people. May I recommend the Council to consider another old persons warden scheme similar to Bodenham, to be constructed near the Borough. There is no doubt that the diminishing 'bus services make it essential for old people to have shops and offices close at hand, a need which is not met by scattered dwellings in small villages and hamlets.

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29th December, 1972.

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .. .. .	94,101
Estimated mid-year home population .. .. .	9,720
Average number of persons per acre .. .. .	0.1
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	3,514
Average number of inhabited houses per acre .. .. .	0.04
Average number of persons per house .. .. .	2.8
Rateable value .. .. .	£149,437
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£2,520

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	58	72	130
Illegitimate	4	3	7
	<hr/> 62 <hr/>	<hr/> 75 <hr/>	<hr/> 137 <hr/>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.16	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	14.1	17.2	16.5	15.1	16.7
" " " " (Adjusted)	16.4	20.0	19.1	17.5	19.4
England and Wales	16.0	16.0	16.3	16.9	17.2

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:	1971	1970
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	5.0	7.0
England and Wales	8.0	8.0

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	14.0	Nil	12.0	13.5	12.4
England and Wales	12.0	13.0	13.0	14.3	14.8

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	15.0
England and Wales	..	10.0

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	15.0
England and Wales	..	12.0

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	29.0
England and Wales	..	22.0

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	(Total	22.0	30.0	31.0	13.7	18.9
	(Legitimate	23.0	26.0	28.0	14.7	20.4
	(Illegitimate	Nil	83.0	71.0	Nil	Nil
England and Wales	(Total	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.3	18.3

#### MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D. .. Nil  
 England and Wales .. figure not available

#### DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	58	44	102
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
Comparability factor: 0.88	1971	1970	1969 1968 1967
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	10.5	10.4	13.5 11.0 13.5
" " " " (Adjusted)	9.2	9.2	12.0 9.8 12.0
England and Wales	11.6	11.7	11.9 11.9 11.2

#### Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	14	6	20
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
	1971	1970	1969 1968 1967
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	2.06	1.35	3.11 1.96 2.83
England and Wales	2.39	2.36	2.35 2.27 2.27

#### Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	29	20	49
Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:			
	1971	1970	1969 1968 1967
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	5.04	6.53	6.02 6.92 8.07
England and Wales	5.99	5.94	6.01 6.06 5.77

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total	
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	5	12	17	
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:				
	1971	1970	1969	1958 1967
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	1.75	1.24	2.49	1.14 1.37
England and Wales	1.53	1.76	1.77	1.75 1.37

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity, etc.	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	3	-	3
Other malignant neoplasms	4	2	6
Anaemias	1	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	2	3
Hypertensive disease	1	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	15	6	21
Other forms of heart disease	2	4	6
Cerebrovascular disease	10	7	17
Other diseases of circulatory system	-	1	1
Pneumonia	2	8	10
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	3	5
Asthma	-	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Peptic ulcer	1	-	1
Cirrhosis of liver	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	2	-	2
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	1	1
Accidents other than motor vehicle	1	2	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1	2
	58	44	102

INFECTICUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT  
DURING THE YEAR 1971

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	1	-	53	17	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1971

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	1	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Measles	4	12	98	122	33	17	5	-	-	-	-	-	291
Scarlet Fever	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	4
Dysentery	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Food Poisoning	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	11
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	7
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASECOMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARSLeominster & Wigmore Rural District

Disease	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	1	39
Measles	76	9	2	89	24
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	2
+Infective Jaundice	-	2	7	3	-
Dysentery	-	1	1	14	139
Food Poisoning	2	9	7	4	8
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	1
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	1

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	5	-	4	18	47
Measles	291	146	35	526	314
Scarlet Fever	6	10	4	11	11
Acute Encephalitis:					
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	1	-
+Infective Jaundice	4	10	106	8	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	2	-	-	1
Dysentery	2	2	1	17	285
Food Poisoning	11	16	9	6	10
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	7	3	4	1	3
Non-Pulmonary	2	1	2	3	2

+Notifiable from 15.8.68.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASEComparative figures per 1,000 population

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.14	0.35
Measles	7.90	2.77
Scarlet Fever	0.16	0.26
Infective Jaundice	0.11	0.29
Dysentery	0.05	0.22
Food Poisoning	0.30	0.14
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.19	0.19
Non-Pulmonary	0.05	0.05

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1970.	26	13	9	8
Died from other cause	-	1	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1971.	26	12	9	8

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1967	2	56	-	10
1968	-	55	-	1
1969	2	58	-	-
1970	-	56	-	-
1971	-	55	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Amendment) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTSUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Inspections of houses under Housing & Public Health Acts	176
Caravans	105
Housing Applicants	39
Nuisances (other than drainage)	190
Drainage	114
Water Supplies	341
Food Premises	101
Food Vans and Stalls (Mobile Food Vans)	7
Slaughterhouses	158
Knackers Yard	5
Milk Regulations	33
Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning	6
Refuse Collection and Disposal	153
Rodent Control	93
Petroleum Acts	61
Local Land Charges	18
Miscellaneous	338
Revisits	278
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	19
Litter and lay-bys	9
Public Health Act & Dirty Premises	26
Civic Amenities Act	34
Sewage Disposal	4
Housing and Housing Management	10
Pest Control	2
Smoke	11
Swimming Bath	-
Food Hygiene Regulations	3
Factories Act	6
Building Regulations and Planning	9
Food Sampling	-
Small Dwellings Acquisition Act	-
Animal Boarding Establishment Act	5
Poultry Dressing	-
Dangerous Buildings	2
Improvement Grants	334
Clean Air	4

WATER SUPPLIESPublic Supplies

The Herefordshire Water Board are responsible for the various public undertakings in the district as follows:

Parish	Houses Supplied 1971
Adforton	38
Aymestrey and Yatton	44
Bodenham	56
Brimfield	46
Docklow	3
Eye	4
Eyton	1

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)

Parish	Houses Supplied 1971
Hatfield	3
Humber	10
Kimbolton	71
Kingsland	108
Leinthall Starkes	12
Leintwardine	192
Leysters	26
Lingen	26
Little Hereford	59
Lucton	22
Luston	115
Middleton-on-the-Hill	15
Monkland	22
Orleton	138
Pudleston	17
Richards Castle	32
Shobdon	119
Stoke Prior	27
Wigmore	81
Yarpole	72

Routine sampling of the Board's supplies continued and the unsatisfactory results reported were mainly in relation to the Orleton supply, which gave occasional trouble during the year. Several other unsatisfactory results related to premises where a private reservoir receiving mains water proved to be contaminated.

Schemes to supply mains water to Docklow, Stoke Prior, Risbury, Eye and Moreton were completed during the year but due to the amount of routine sampling of mains supplies, little progress was made in checking private supplies in these areas.

Other Water Supplies

Throughout the district a number of houses are without water supplies, and in parts where mains water is not available the supplies are mainly from shallow wells and springs, often not of a satisfactory quality.

Water Sampling

A total of 280 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the period and sent to the laboratory at Hereford. These produced the following results:

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Main	95	32
Private	49	104

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district. Four samples were taken from school swimming baths, one of which was unsatisfactory and the matter rectified.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGEPublic Sewers, other than Council House Estates

Location	Number of dwellings connected	Sewage Disposal
Bodenham	36	Settlement and filtration
Brampton Bryan	31	Septic tank
Brimfield	27	Settlement and filtration
Kingsland	128	Settlement and filtration
Leintwardine	178	Settlement and filtration
Luston	43	Settlement and filtration
Orleton	65	Settlement and filtration
Shobdon	67	Settlement and filtration
Wigmore	92	Land irrigation
Yarpole	21	Settlement and filtration

During the year the Bodenham sewerage disposal scheme became operative and the Richards Castle scheme started.

The Council has agreed to the following order of priority for further schemes:

Richards Castle  
 Stoke Prior and Wigmore  
 Monkland  
 Shobdon  
 Brampton Bryan  
 Kimbolton and Leysters

In villages without sewers, serious drainage problems may occur when concentrated housing development takes place on small plots. One such case arose in the unsewered part of Shobdon and is presenting considerable difficulties.

Much of the district has to rely on individual septic tanks where modern amenities are installed and for the less fortunate, many pail closets and privvies are still in use. The Council continued to subsidise by £1 the first emptying of septic tanks each year where no sewer is available. Surprisingly few householders appear to take advantage of this subsidy.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse collection during the year continued to be a forthrightly curbside collection. All of the refuse is disposed of by tipping at Shobdon. In April a full time tip attendant was employed by the Council and as a result tipping is properly controlled and a vast improvement in the appearance of the tip has taken place.

The availability of the tip attendant with tractor and trailer has enabled steps to be taken to clear a number of accumulations of refuse in the district.

Abandoned vehicles and litter left in laybys continues to create problems from time to time.

HOUSING

4 Old peoples bungalows were built by the Council during the year.

59 private houses were completed within the district.

Inspections of Dwelling Houses

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts:	92
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose:	113
(2) (a) Number of houses found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation:	85

Houses dealt with under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957

Number of Clearance Areas:	Nil
Number of houses in Areas:	Nil

Houses dealt with under Sections 16 & 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

Demolition Orders made:	2
Closing Orders made:	5
Undertakings accepted:	16

Notices issued

Informal:	17
Statutory:	Nil

Action under Statutory Notices during the period

Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	Nil
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Improvement Grants

Discretionary Grants approved:	43
Standard Grants approved:	16

HOUSING (Continued)Unfit Houses

Action in respect of unfit houses continued as houses became vacant. As the figures show, very few are demolished, there being a ready market for this type of property for improvement and reconditioning.

Council Houses

Improvements were completed to four cottages purchased at Orleton to make useful contribution to the Council's stock of houses.

Improvement Grants

Although the number of approvals was lower than in 1970, 90 grant enquiries were dealt with during the year. Only 7 of the 43 discretionary grants approved were for less than £1,000, and one, with the consent of the Department of the Environment was for £1,300.

Housing Applicants

At the end of 1971, 112 applicants were on the waiting list.

COUNCIL HOUSES

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Adforton	Orchard Close	6	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Aymestrey	Council Houses	2	River (HWB)	Septic tank
Bodenham	Caldervale	10	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Bodenham	Old Houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Brimfield	Wyson Avenue	24	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Brimfield	Wyson Terrace	6	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Brimfield	Old Council Houses	2	Shallow well	Septic tank
Hope-under-Dinmore	Hill View	4	Shallow well	Complete works
Hope-under-Dinmore	Cherrybrook Close	38	Borehole	Complete works
Humber	Humber Close	29	Borehole	Complete works
Kimbolton	Chestnut Avenue	12	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Kimbolton	New Road	2	Shallow well	Septic tank
Kingsland	Boarsfield	22	Shallow well & river (HWB)	Public sewer

COUNCIL HOUSES (Continued)

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Kingsland	Old Council Houses	6	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Kingsland	Hostel	6	River (HWB)	Complete works
Leintwardine	Rosemary	34	Shallow well (HWB)	Public sewer
Lingen	Council Houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Septic tank
Little Hereford	Temple Meadow	8	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Little Hereford	Aynall Lane	2	Spring	Septic tank
Little Hereford	Old Council Houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Septic tank
Luston	Westland View	24	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Luston	Eye Lane	4	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Lucton	St. Peter's Square	6	River (HWB)	Complete works
Monkland	Bakerlea	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Orleton	Green Lane	14	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Orleton	Halletts Well	12	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Orleton	St. George's Crescent	20	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Orleton	Comberton	4	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Richards Castle	Springfield	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Shobdon	The Grove	30	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Wigmore	Ford Street (all sites)	28	Borehole (HWB)	Public sewer
Yarpole	James Close	8	Shallow well	Public sewer

HWB - Herefordshire Water Board.

OVERCROWDING

No new cases of overcrowding were reported during the period.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are 12 permanent and temporary residential sites in the district licenced for a total of 25 caravans. During the year one licence was renewed and one new licence issued.

In addition to the above, there are 8 sites, catering for 211 caravans, approved for holiday purposes. During the year one licence was renewed.

Problems under this Act arise, not from the licenced sites, but from itinerant caravan dwellers, many of whom leave the lay-bys in a deplorable state.

CAMPING

There is still no camping problem within the district, although provision of a transit site for tents and vans is probably called for.

PETROLEUM LICENCING

72 licences were renewed during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPSFactories Act, 1937 and 1948

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	19	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	35	6	-	-
(3) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	3	-	-	-

No defects were found.

There are no factories in the district known to employ out-workers and no notifications of outworkers within the district were received.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

101 inspections were made at various foodshops in the district during the period.

The undermentioned food was condemned as being unfit for human consumption:

Meat .. 761 lb.

Number of Food Premises Registered under  
Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Manufacture of Ice-cream .. 1  
Sale of Ice-cream .. 38

Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages, or  
potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food

Butchers .. 1

Food Premises

The following table lists the various food premises within the district, and indicates the number complying with Regulation 16 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, requiring the provision of a wash-hand basin, and Regulation 19, requiring the provision of a sink in certain cases.

Type of Trade	Number of Premises	Number comply- ing with Reg.16	Number to which Reg. 19 applies	Number comply- ing with Reg. 19
(a) Grocers, (incl.sale of fruit, fish, game, vegetables, and pre-packed sugar confectionery)	32	26	11	8
(b) Restaurants and catering establishments (other than those in (c) below)	4	4	4	4
(c) Licenced Premises (Hotels, Inns and Clubs)	32	24	32	32
(d) Bakers and Confectioners	2	2	2	2
(e) Butchers	4	4	4	4
(f) Central Kitchen for School Meals	1	1	1	1

During the year a number of premises offering Bed and Breakfast accommodation and wishing to be included in the list issued by the Council were inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations and for general suitability.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Inspections of 100% of all animals killed in the slaughterhouse was carried out.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	234	-	2	888	39	-
Number inspected	234	-	2	888	39	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	63	-	1	85	12	-
Percentage of the number inspected infected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	27%	-	50%	9.68%	32.5%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned and carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned and carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	1	-	-

Poultry Inspection

Only one establishment is now operating in the district and is producing a number of dressed birds for distribution, approximately 550 per week out of a total kill of 2,500 being treated in this manner. An experienced qualified man is employed on the staff on the one day per week that dressing is carried out and removal of birds suffering from abnormal conditions is his responsibility.

MILK SAMPLING

16 samples of milk were taken by the Department during the period for examination for *Brucella Abortus*, plus 36 samples from one herd which was found to be infected, making a total of 52.

MILK SUPPLY

The heat treated milk retailed in the district is supplied to the retailers by three firms outside the area. Untreated (farm bottled) milk is supplied by several local farmers.

There are five dairies (excluding farm dairies) registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. These are all merely premises in which bottled milk is stored pending delivery. One case of unsatisfactory storage was dealt with during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

There were no accidents reported under Section 48 of the Act.

Table A. Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total registered premises at end of the year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices	Nil	5	2
Retail Shops	Nil	8	6
Wholesale Shops Warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	2	2
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil	1	1

Table B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspector to Registered Premises

Total .. 24

Table C. Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises or Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons employed
Offices	36
Retail Shops	43
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	4
Canteens	5
Fuel Storage Depots	4
Total Males	56
Total Females	36

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 (Continued)Table D. Exemptions

Part I	Space (Sec. 5 (2))	..	Nil
Part II	Temperature (Sec. 6)	..	Nil
Part III	Sanitary Convenience (Sec. 9)		Nil
Part IV	Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)		Nil

Table E. Prosecutions

Nil

Table F. Inspectors

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act: .. 2 Part-time

Number of Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act: Nil

PEST CONTROL

In April 1971, the Council engaged a Rodent Operative, who after initial training is undertaking rodent control and survey work on farms and other premises. Treatment of dwellinghouses is charged for at a nominal rate of £1 per treatment, old age pensioners being exempted from payment.

Treatment in the Northern part of the district, where Warfarin resistance is encountered, was carried out with encouraging results.

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	40 <sup>2</sup> <del>48</del>	1079
2.(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	68	24
(b) Number infested by:		
(i) Rats	58	22
(ii) Mice	7	2
3.(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	280	205
(b) Number infested by:		
(i) Rats	84	112
(ii) Mice	-	-

Total Number of visits made: 2471

Manholes baited: 76

Wasps nests are also treated at 50p per treatment.

GENERAL

The appointment of Mr. E.R. King as Additional Public Health Inspector is reflected in the increased number of visits carried out during the year.

Unfortunately Mrs. Palmer left the Council's employment during the year as she was expecting a baby which was born in December. Her place has been taken by Mrs. J. Hurst, who has been employed in the office since July.





